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SUBJECT: NASA Authorization Act

During the last moments of the last Session of Congress, an amendment to the NASA Authorization Bill was passed which established a National Space Council. While the original bill sought to set up a similar council and while we opposed such a group, I believe that the differences between the two render the new council acceptable.

- a. The original council would have had the power to survey all aeronautical and space activities, whether of a civilian, military or intelligence nature. The new council has authority only with regard to civilian space activities.
- b. While the new council does not include the DCI as a statutory member, Senator Gorton, who sponsored the amendment, made it clear in his remarks that the DCI should be a member because the interests of the Agency and of the National Security Council could not be adequately represented otherwise. The bill allows the President to appoint members other than those specifically named.
- c. The bill has not yet been signed into law. However, we do not feel it necessary to seek a veto. The discussion of the amendment is attached.

Attachments:
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